suburban portion is worked out yearly on closure of the accounts according to a laid down procedure.

(d) Railways are implementing two major projects viz. (i) Mankhurd-Belapur rail line (cost Rs. 287 crores) and (ii) Additional pair of lines between Bandra and Andheri (cost Rs. 62 crores), to improve suburban services in Bombay.

Running speed of the trains in N.P. Railways

3934. SHRI BHADRESHWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present running speed of the trains in N.E.F. Railways;

(b) what are the reasons for slow speed of trains on this railway;

(c) the details of the running speed of all the trains in all the Railway Zones in India; and

(d) what are the reasons for this disparity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The average speed of Mail/Express trains on Northeast Frontier Railway was 39.77 KMPH on Broad Gauge and 27.72 KMPH on Metre Gauge during 1990-91.

(b) The average speed of trains on N.F. Railway is affected due to predominance of single line section, stoppages etc.

(c) The average speed of Mail/Express trains on other Zonal Railways during 1990-91 was as under:—

Railways	Broad Gauge	Metre Gaue
Central	52.02	..
Eastern	48.28	..
Northern	41.22	38.55
North Eastern	42.74	31.20
Southern	48.80	40.94
South Central	49.09	37.81
South Eastern	45.29	..
Western	54.80	39.59
Indian Railways	47.57	36.89

(d) The disparity in average speed are due to traction, type of service, stoppage etc.

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3935. **डा जिनेन्द्र कुमार जेन :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 1 जून, 1992 के "इकोनामिक टाइम्स" में "फाउन्डरी इंडस्ट्री प्रोटैस्ट्स शार्ट डिलीवरी आफ पिग आयरन" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि रेलवे द्वारा खदानों से गंतव्य स्थानों तक 25000 रुपय प्रति वाक्स मूल्य के कच्चे लोहे की चोरी का मामला सरकार की जानकारी में लाया गया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस समस्या का समाधान करने के उपाय किए हैं ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) गंतव्यों पर उतराई के समय उठाईगीरी के ऐसे कुछ मामलों की रिपोर्ट मिली है।